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2 **48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007**

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO STUDY THE  
12 FEASIBILITY OF WIDENING UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 285 TO FOUR LANES  
13 TO RELIEVE TRUCK TRAFFIC THROUGH TAOS.

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15 WHEREAS, truck traffic through Taos has contributed to  
16 significant slowdowns in traffic movement; and

17 WHEREAS, through-traffic clogs the town's narrow streets  
18 and contributes to pavement deterioration and maintenance  
19 expenses; and

20 WHEREAS, a significant part of the traffic through the  
21 center of Taos consists of vehicles with destinations north or  
22 south of Taos and is not local traffic; and

23 WHEREAS, United States highway 285 is an alternative route  
24 for through-traffic, but because it, too, is only two lanes,  
25 this traffic may choose a more direct route between Santa Fe

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1 and Fort Garland, Colorado; and

2 WHEREAS, a speedier, four-lane highway might alleviate  
3 some of Taos' traffic congestion and save the town money in  
4 infrastructure costs;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
6 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of transportation be  
7 requested to study the feasibility of expanding United States  
8 highway 285 to four lanes from Espanola to the Colorado border  
9 and that it make its recommendations to the second session of  
10 the forty-eighth legislature; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
12 transmitted to the secretary of transportation.